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President's Message

The minutes of the annual meeting and the convention woods issued by members (except for those already in this issue) will appear in the October Timber Talk. The 2014 woods and membership cards were distributed at this meeting. There were no nominations for awards. Overall the convention was a great experience, fun catching up with friends and making many new ones. Following the RCNA convention, **Marion** and I did some vacation visits on our way home. (see convention pictures inside issue)

For those members who have been trying to reach CAWMC member **James Smith**, his new email address is likelyj9@gmail.com. The wooden coin website and e-mail are gone. **Jim** has been out of touch due to suffering an accident, and he says "Not sure if I will be able to make wood coins. Suffered an accident and do not know if I can continue living alone here. The entire town is suffering from the Mount Polley Tailing Pond Breach (may be the final blow to survival in Likely, B.C.). I am far from through the rough patch yet." Our thoughts and prayers to **Jim** on a speedy and full recovery, and to the Village of Likely as well. As well, our thoughts and prayers to CAWMC member **Albert Kasman** whose health has been failing him recently, and to **Yvonne Vesh (Lou's wife)** who suffered a separated shoulder from a fall at the RCNA convention. She is home now and under doctor's care and recovering slowly.

Featured woods coming up are: September—**France Waychison** RCNA Convention Wood (made by **Norm Belsten**), October—**Judy Blackman** Birthday Wood, November (to be advised, there was some discussion at our annual meeting, not sure which one is coming for this spot), and December CAWMC **40th Anniversary** Wood (made by **Lou Vesh**). My nephew **Kenny Munro** is the current owner of the **Redline Diner**, and I showed him the *Timber Talk* story about the diner, and he was pleased with the write up.

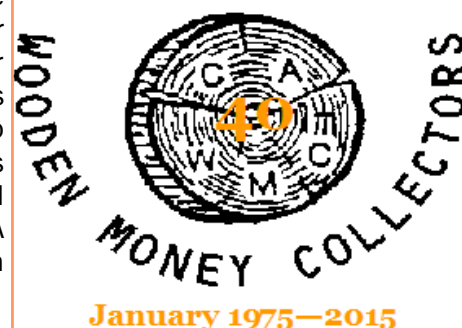
Welcome to our three newest CAWMC members, **Len Trakalo** member #591, **Ron Zelk** is renewal #349, and **Alan Roy** member #590.

Those members still using 'dial-up' to access the Internet, are reminded they can view the newsletter on the www.woodsycorner.com website. As well, our Editor will test a lower version of pdf that can be emailed to 'dial-up' CAWMC members, to see if that makes it easier to open. If you are a member requesting Canada Post delivery, that will continue as long as you request it.

If you have queries re your membership status you can contact me (or on any other issue) by mail at **Al Munro**, Box 2643 Station M, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, T2P 3C1, by phone at 403-273-6133 or by email at wood5cents@shaw.ca. Happy Labour Day Weekend!

Good collecting to everyone! **Al Munro**

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION



January 1975—2015



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 1995–2001:
 Lou Vesh
 1991–1995:
 Pat White*
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 Norm Belsten
 1983–1985:
 Neil Probert
 1981–1983:
 Stanley Clute
 1979–1981:
 Don Robb
 1977–1979:
 Victor Hall*
 1975–1977:
 Garry Braunwarth

(*Deceased)

The C.A.W.M.C. was founded on **January 1st, 1975**, by **Garry Braunwarth** (C-1) (pictured below) and **Victor B. Hall** (C-2) in Calgary, Alberta. In addition to the founders, these are the 43 other original charter members.

C- 3 George Parfet
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 C-44 Robert S. Ross
 C-45 Norman R. Belsten

Garry Braunwarth >>>



It's Purple's Turn!

Free Wood of the Month of September 2014 reported by **Ross Kingdon**



This is the second issue in **France Waychison's** butterfly series. This one is the "Purple Monarch" butterfly and these pictures are sitting on top of the Purple Monarch flower (a popular plant to attract butterflies). Purple butterflies are a rare shade in the world. There is actually one called a Purple Butterfly but they are white with only purple tips. The Great Eggfly only has purple spots, the Red-Spotted Purple is self-explanatory, the Great Purple Hairstreak has red spots, and the Mourning Cloak is black winged with blue dots even though its classified as a purple butterfly. The Purple Emperor only looks purple in certain light, The Queen Purple has purple tips, the Purple Swallowtail is multi-coloured with purple on the tail, the Archduke only has purple on the lower wings, the Purple Mort Bleu is actually bluish, the Eastern Purple Crow is ruddish purple, and the Purple-Topped, Purple-Washed and Glowing Euselasia (this is 3 varieties of the Euselasia) are beautiful shades of purple and are often misnamed as Purple Monarchs. Technically the Monarch species does not have a purple variety.

France's wood continues the **Waychison** tradition with the line "*Let the Good Times Roll*" written in French under the butterfly on the obverse.

2015 RCNA Convention in Halifax

In the 2014 RCNA Convention registration kits, registrants found this wood, along with a book as places to see in Halifax, and a promotional flyer.



The convention is being held Wednesday, July 22nd to Sunday, July 26, 2015 at the Westin Nova Scotian Hotel, 1181 Hollis Street, Halifax. The Halifax Regional Coin Club (established in 1958) is co-hosting the event with the RCNA.



History of **CAWMC**
Timber Talk
 Newsletter
 Editors

Jan. 1975 – Sept. 1979
Garry Braunwarth

Oct. 1979 – July 1981
Stan Cluthe

Aug. 1981 – July 1983
Albert Kasman

Aug. 1983 – Sept. 1992
Garry Braunwarth

Oct. 1992 – Dec. 1994
Lou Vesh

Jan. 1995 – Aug. 2008
Ross Kingdon
 (14 years!!!)



Above is a Dan Gosling photo
 of Ross Kingdon

Sept. 2008 – Dec. 2009
Tony Hine

Jan. 2010 – Aug. 2010
Norm Belsten

Sept. 2010 – *Current*
Judy Blackman



My Nickel's Worth "2014 The Year of the Horse" by Lou Vesh

Whenever we sit down in a Chinese restaurant, I am drawn to the details on the paper place mat, which customarily adorn the tables of all such establishments. My only connection with the Chinese culture is my love for their cuisine. So, while waiting for my order to be served, I study the Chinese Zodiac on the place mat.

According to their culture, it seems that persons are designated a certain creature, depending on the year in which they are born. My birth year is 1930, which apparently is the year of the horse, and repeats that title every 12 years.



That brings us to 2014, and hence the wood shown above. It is a near repeat of the similar wood issued in 2002. Perhaps I have no right to adopt a symbol from the Chinese Zodiac in such a matter, but I have handed these woods out to people working in the restaurants and have never been made to feel that I have trespassed some sacred ground. The wood has always been accepted with curiosity and wonder, and I have thus far never been chastised for its existence.

Editor's note:

The Chinese Zodiac can be celebrated by any nationality if the individual so desires. A person may be a zodiac different than their birth year. That's because in Chinese astrology the animal signs assigned by year represent what others perceive you as being or how you present yourself.



It is a common misconception that the animals assigned by year are the only signs and many western descriptions of Chinese astrology draw solely on this system. In fact, there are also animal signs assigned by month (called *inner* animals), by day (called *true* animals) and hours (called *secret* animals). While a person might appear to be a Dragon because they were born in the year of the Dragon, they might also be a Snake internally, an Ox truly, and a Goat secretly. Depending on the source, the Goat is sometimes interchangeable with a Sheep or Ram.

The zodiac traditionally begins with the sign of the **Rat** (Yang, 1st Trine, Fixed Element Water). The signs are each associated with Earthly Branch in order and their characteristics: **Ox** (Yin, 2nd Trine, Fixed Element Water), **Tiger** (Yang, 3rd Trine, Fixed Element Wood), **Rabbit** (Yin 4th Trine, Fixed Element Wood), **Dragon** (Yang, 1st Trine, Fixed Element Wood), **Snake** (Yin, 2nd Trine, Fixed Element Fire), **Horse** (Yang 3rd Trine, Fixed Element Fire), **Goat** (Yin, 4th Trine, Fixed Element Fire), **Monkey** (Yang, 1st Trine, Fixed Element Metal), **Rooster** (Yin, 2nd Trine, Fixed Element Metal), **Dog** (Yang, 3rd Trine, Fixed Element Metal), and **Pig** (Yin, 4th Trine, Fixed Element Water).

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODEN MONEY COLLECTORS

TREASURERS REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013

(WITH COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012)

					20 12	2013
RECEIPTS						
Members dues					\$660	\$740
Donation Auction					\$126	\$91
Donations	Decorated woods				\$460	\$175
	Other				\$577	\$141
Interest					\$60.32	\$60.23
U. S. Exchange					\$2.40	\$2.13
Total					\$1,885.72	\$1,209.36
EXPENDITURES						
Timber Talk	Postage				\$350.68	\$361.89
	Printing				\$402.00	\$413.42
Secretary Treasurer					\$11.67	\$28.46
Benovelent					\$0.00	\$250
Distribution woods					\$0.00	\$575
Annual meeting subsidy					\$569.70	\$106.72
Membership R.C.N.A					\$39.00	\$42
TOTAL					\$1,373.05	\$1,777.49
NET RECEIPTS (EXPENDITURES)					\$512.67	-568.13
MEMBERS EQUITY, BEGINNING OF YEAR					6,906.23	\$7,418.90
MEMBERS EQUITY, END OF YEAR					\$7,418.90	\$6,850.77
REPRESENTED BY						
Cash on hand and in bank					\$8,153.90	7,380.77
Less: Prepaid Memberships					\$735.00	\$530
TOTAL					\$7,418.90	\$6,850.77

New Timber Talk Policy

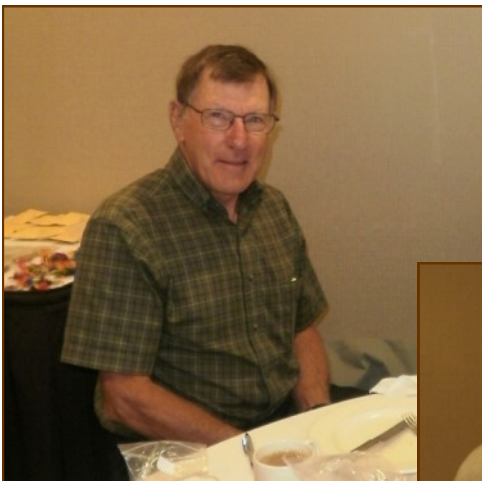
A lively discussion took place at the CAWMC Annual Breakfast Meeting on the new *Canadian Anti-Spam Legislation* and the implications for a hobby club.

To better ensure we stay in compliance, the members present agreed unanimously to set CAWMC policy that only CAWMC members may seek out CAWMC members in the *Timber Talk* to contact them for trading, order, and disposal of woods. The *Timber Talk* will mention the following wording (without referencing any monetary value), as applicable to the situation (this is an example only, hence the use of the name John Doe):

"John Doe is seeking the following woods for his collection, if you can help, please contact John at...."

"John Doe has duplicate woods to free up from his collection, if you think you have an interest in acquiring them, please contact John at..."

If any type of transaction occurs between the parties it will remain confidential between them and have nothing to do directly with CAWMC. We are only providing the contact information.



2014 Annual CAWMC Breakfast!

Members received many woods from the 27 members (and guests) present, as well, as the CAWMC 40th Anniversary wood (displayed on page 7 of this issue). We were particularly pleased to have two founding members present, member **C-4 Leslie ('Les') D. Copan**, and **C-45 Norman ('Norm') R. Belsten** (who was CAWMC President 1985-1991 and again 2003-2005, and *Timber Talk* Editor for 8 months of 2010).

During a discussion on the *Timber Talk*, members reflected back on the late founding member **C-2 Victor ('Vic') B. Hall** who was CAWMC President 1977-1979, and is the person who came up with the 'Timber Talk' name for our newsletter.

The 50-50 and door prize packages of woods were hilarious. Some folks are really lucky, one won a Grand Slam—4 times (aka **Lou Vesh**)!

Lou displayed a 12-bird wood colour chart made some years ago on the bird woods. Other woods are stored in specimen cups which are purchased "unused" as **Lou** assured us all! **Lou** had a lucky day, he won 4 of the draw prizes. LOL! [↓ pictures courtesy of your Editor]



Early in the auction at our annual meeting, items were going for \$2-5 dollars, this quickly changed! In one case, an item was at \$3 and **Randal Haigh** apologized he was going to have to leave, and wanted clarification that all auction proceeds were donations to the not-for-profit CAWMC, and upon receiving confirmation, he bid \$50 — there were no contesters — the bid was his win!!

Later there was a set of 9 of World War II Notgeld German wooden notes (considered real money at the time), the bidding was fierce among 4 folks, this quickly narrowed to two and the final bid hammered down at \$100!! Congratulations **Ed Herman** on beating down **Norm Belsten** in the bid war! **Ed** was at the breakfast with his lovely wife **Mariellen**, they came up from Alabama. [< picture courtesy of your Editor]

At auction time, memories shifted to **Pat White** who was CAWMC President from 1991-1995, and who collected very interesting woods however, they have never been entered into the CAWMC catalogue. These woods were competitively bid for during a very exciting auction. Your Editor was only able to secured 3 lots, they are displayed further in this issue.

Following the CAWMC Annual Breakfast meeting and the RCNA General Members meeting, there was the RCNA Awards, at which time two CAWMC folks, **Ron Zelk** (who is also a member of SWCS in Guelph) and **Alan Roy** were recognized with membership milestones for 40 years of service. [Pictures of them both at the Awards and at the CAWMC meeting are on the next couple of pages, along with other pictures from Sat. Aug. 16 at the convention, all courtesy of our Editor]



Congratulations Ron on 40 years with the RCNA!



Congratulations Alan on 40 years with the RCNA!



It was nice to see our friends **John and Monina Regitko** made it out to the RCNA evening banquet. As many know, recently **John** had some health battles, but he's now in recovery. **John** is a long-standing member of CAWMC and has contributed many articles to our *Timber Talk*.



My Nickel's Worth *"40th Anniversary"* by Lou Vesh

Back in the days when I was sawing and splitting logs for firewood, I would often toss a few select pieces to one side for processing into wooden nickel blanks. Those were the days when I had all the necessary equipment, the lathe, the saws, the sanders. Many of my earlier issues were produced this way, and I still have a few hundred such blanks on hand. Such is the stock of the wooden nickel shown below.



They were made from some firewood (probably maple) destined for our stove. But, instead of being burned to ashes, they will serve a more noble purpose, that of marking the 40th Anniversary of the CAWMC. Although the event is officially next year (2015), it was deemed appropriate to release them at this year's RCNA convention, given the later than usual date of the convention and the fact that much of the organizing of the club was done in the latter part of 1974.

Happy 25th Anniversary To The Munro's!

During the CAWMC Annual Breakfast Meeting, many members suggested the **Munro's** should issue a 25th Anniversary wood. Many members may recall **Marion Rummery** and **Alfred Munro** were married on May 13, 1989. To celebrate this occasion, **Lou Vesh** made this wedding wood (#8140-214).



Congratulations **Al** and **Marion** on your *Silver Wedding Anniversary* — spending a quarter of a century in love with one person is to be celebrated!

This 2005 RCNA Convention picture below is courtesy of **Neil Probert**, left to right is **France Waychison**, **Marion Munro**, **William "Bill" Waychison** and **Al Munro**.



Pat White's woods referred to on page 5 of this Timber Talk issue are shown below (pictures are courtesy of your Editor). These are likely an R-3 or R-4 rarity.

Patrick Nelson White (Friday, October 20th, 1950—Saturday, March 10th, 2007) was formerly of Newmarket (Ontario) but then moved to Winnipeg (Manitoba) around 1998, right after resigning as President of CAWMC. Shortly after retiring from the Canadian National Railway (he worked many years at the MacMillan Yard, the longest rail classification yard in Canada — located 20km north of Toronto in Vaughan), **Pat** died in his 57th year following complications from diabetes. At the time of death, **Pat** was survived by his loving wife **Sandra** and their children **Evan (Heather)**, **Ryan (Anne)**, and **Breehan**, and grandchildren **Kayla**, **Brayden**, **Gavin**, **Rielyn** and **Jack**.



His collection of woods was unique, mostly featuring small communities in Northern Ontario (and some B.C.).



These woods here cover Ontario's Wawa (lots for this village), Sault Ste Marie, Algoma, and B.C. Granisle. This is just a few of Pat's very interesting woods. Some are made as pendants, some as brooches / pins, others were coins, etc.

A most detailed and interesting small wood is the one of Putnam Railroad Station (established 1983).





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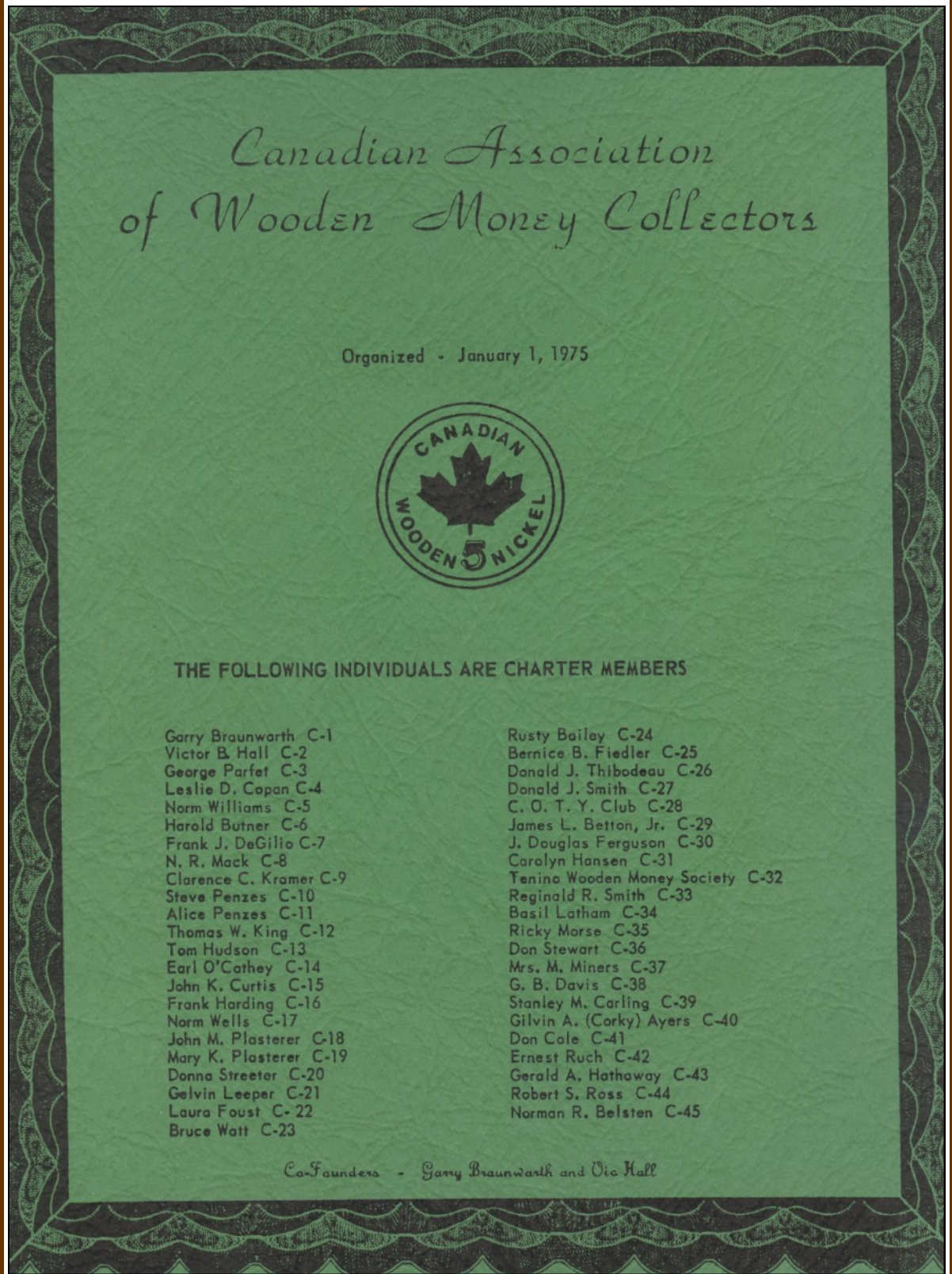


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And So It Became Reality!

Your Editor has an original book autographed by the author **Norman E. Wells**, and inside it contains this record (shown below) which confirms the CAWMC augural was in January 1975. This same book refers to the rarity scale discussed at our 2014 CAWMC Annual Breakfast Meeting; however, back then it was only 5 increments where today the Canadian and U.S. token collectors use a rarity scale with 10 levels. CAWMC adopted the Rarity Scale from **Joseph Leroux Book of Canadian Coins and Cabinet**: R-1 Common, R-2 Easily Obtained, R-3 Not Readily Available, R-4 Obtained With Difficulty, and R-5 Rare "Unique".





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My Nickel's Worth "Woodies Go Ga Ga" by Lou Vesh

What's a convention without a wood to mark the occasion, right?

So we decided to go "ga ga" in Mississauga. So says the wood shown at left.

These were made from some blanks I had made and stained years ago, probably more firewood.

There may be some irregularities in the alignment of stampings on the multi-coloured side as I had to eyeball each strike rather than make the usual guide mark. However, 120 were deemed acceptable, so there should be enough to go around.

Points of Numismatic Light!

The American Numismatic Association (chartered by Congress 1912) **Walt Ostromecki**—58th President '**Point of Numismatic Light Program**' certificate was presented to **Al** and **Marion Munro** in recognition for their

commitment and service to the International Numismatic Community through Canada;

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Because **Al** and **Marion's** efforts have made a profound difference in the numismatic experience of many others, ANA President **Walter A. Ostromecki** recognized this outstanding numismatic community achievement by designating them as '**A Point of Numismatic Light**', and proudly honoured **Al** and **Marion** for their continuing efforts to numismatics.



This certificate #39 was presented on Thursday, August 14th, 2014, at the RCNA convention.

